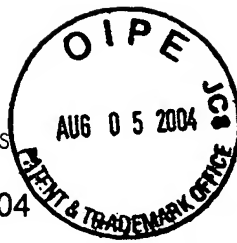


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MECHANISM  
Our Ref. No. 1439/11

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) in duplicate;
3. Copies of cited references (7 references); and
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the document listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference as well as attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references as well as Form PTO-1449 are attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

The examiner's attention is further directed to the commonly-assigned co-pending U.S. patent application listed in the following table. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

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§1.98(b)(3), the commonly-assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application is identified by inventor, application number, and filing date.

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Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.


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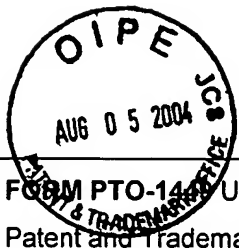
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